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George Amendment Bans FIA Billboards

Senator reduces wasteful spending

LANSING – State Senator Tom George, R-Texas Township, successfully inserted an amendment today into the Family Independence Agency (FIA) budget, which would prohibit the agency from spending money on billboards. According to department records, the FIA has contracted with Adams Outdoor Advertising for over \$872,000 worth of billboards. The billboards appear throughout the state and carry messages such as: “Helping with family matters because family matters,” and, “A child’s safety is everyone’s business.”

“The money could be better spent than on these feel good billboards,” George said. “Here we are faced with cutting funding for important services such as health care and education, while the state is putting up these useless billboards that don’t say anything.”



The amended bill has been reported out of subcommittee and will next be reviewed by the Appropriations Committee as a whole before being sent to the Senate for consideration.